tion to provide air-conditioning has been received.

(d) and (e) The need for additional accommodation for this purpose in the Naval HQ was finalised during Feb. 83. As regards the purchase of land, the question of the permanent location of this office is under consideration.

Sanctions against Sri Lanka

1407. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India of 15th March, 1986 under the caption "Sanctions against Lanka sought";

(b) whether any communication/memorandum has been received by Government in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the contents thereof and what action has been taken by Government; and

(d) what proposals are being considered to solve the Sri Lanka issue by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum has been received by Government from the leaders of the opposition parties. The Memorandum states that Government should "think of economic measures against Sri Lanka if the negotiations do not lead to a political settlement".

(c) Government has taken note of this Memorandum.

(d) Certain proposals for devolution of power to appropriate units like Provincial Councils have been put forward by the Government of Sri Lanka. These proposals are intended to be discussed with the representatives of the Sri Lanka Tamils

1408. [*Transferred to the 5th May*, 1986].

Modification of date of birth of Government servants recorded in service books

1409. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:
SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the date of birth as recorded in the service book of a Government servant on the basis of High School or Higher Secondary certificate can be modified on the basis of the documentary evidence on extracts from Birth Register maintained by the Municipality, local body or other concerned authority as stipulated in the relevant rules;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether in such cases Government propose to allow such Government servants to change their date of birth on the basis of certificate on the birth register of the Municipal records; and

(d) if so, what are the instructions issued to the Ministries//Departments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Instructions relating to alteration of date of birth recorded in the service book of a government servant are given in a Note below Fundamental Rule 56 and alteration can be made with the sanction of the government subject to fulfilment of the